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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT FINDINGS

TEGUCIGALPA

1. Telephone switchboard deadly.
2. Ambassador's office. Speaker alive, hooked to monitoring unit in projection room. Facility for photographing from projection room.
3. Ambassador's living room - a carbon mike - line leading into adjoining house - now disconnected.
4. Military Attache's office - telephone line for outside calls open miked. Conversation could be heard with ~~earphones~~ at terminal box.

GUATEMALA

1. Former office of Military Attache hot-miked. Condenser used similar to Russian.
2. Switchboard maintained by Guatemala Telephone and Telegraph Co. Guatemalan Government has imported 120 tape recorders.
3. Counselor of Embassy Krieg's residential telephone line being monitored from a neighboring house.
4. Air Attache Martin's residential telephone being monitored from house across the street.

NOTE: Equipment used in check was improvised locally because of failure of the technician's modern kit, which had been sent by diplomatic pouch, to arrive in time. Improvised equipment was unsatisfactory for checking cavity resonators.

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Tegucigalpa -

Embassy and residence are combined. Residence is on second floor. Ambassador meets with President Galvez in his living room. Residence has previously been micked for another ambassador, but batteries are all dead. There is a motion picture projector in room directly back of Ambassador's office and anyone has access to it from the street. There is a big speaker directly into Ambassador's office monitoring from the projection booth. The motion picture speaker is alive. ~~The Ambassador is well aware of this. The motion picture~~ holes blocked by [] and the thing disconnected.

The Military Attache's office had an open mick telephone. He couldn't trace the line which goes out into a terminal box.

[] office is OK

New switchboard is being put in by Hondurans. Recommends a Navy man be sent to clean it up.

One Marine Guard has a common-law Honduran wife. Another has a "long ear"

[] caught him listening outside an office where the Amb was talking.

This Marine knows everyone in town. [] also caught him asleep at [] while on duty.

Guatemala -

Check outside phone in Room 49 which was formerly occupied by Col. McCormick.

(like Russian jobs he had seen in Europe)
It was hot and he took it completely apart and rebuilt it. The parts are being shipped back to hqs. He asked Col. M's secy what the office had been used for and she was she and the Col. had proof read top secret documents there.

The Guat Embassy switchboard should be cleaned up by Navy man.

Ambassador's office is clean.

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All other offices in the Emb were clean.

The residence is clean.

Checked Mr. Krieg's house. It has an incoming telephone line which comes in off a terminal pole into the street then into the house. Upstairs the extension wire goes out of house and into house next door. Neighbors are Middle Eastern. The neighbors wanted to cut down the tree ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ between the houses which blocked the view, but Krieg refused. [] photographed the line from Krieg's house into neighbor's house.

Col. Martin, Air Attache, house - Phone has one incoming line and one outgoing line. [] traced it out into street and out across street into another house. ~~XXXXXX~~

[] stated he was under surveillance constantly.

He stated the Guate Embassy would tough to crack if all precautions he recommended to taken.

The [] files are now within grill work - the Commo equipment is now in a completely vaulted room

Indigenous messagers in the Emb know everything that is going on.

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